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REMARKS

This response is timely filed within the one-month time period for amending allowable dependent claims into independent claims. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences found that claims 2-11 were allowable over the cited prior art. All currently pending claims recite the allowable subject matter of claim 2.

Applicant requests that the Examiner allow the present application and allow Applicant to amend the withdrawn claims 16-18, 145 and 147 to be dependent upon allowable claim 2.

This Amendment and Response does not admit that the Board of Appeals decision was correct in regards to claims 1, 12-15, 19-66, 143, 144, 146, and 148-150. Applicant respectfully submits that the Board of Appeals did not properly consider the experimental evidence of record and Applicant's arguments. Instead of filing a request for rehearing on these matters, Applicant chose to take the allowable claims in an issued patent and pursue the original subject matter of claims 1, 12-15, 19-66, 143, 144, 146 and 148-150 in a Continuation Application.

Claims 2-11 are pending in the application. Claims 16-18, 67-142, 145 and 147 stand withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. Applicant has canceled withdrawn claims 67-142 and will maintain his right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a Divisional Application.

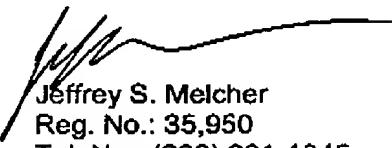
Basis for new claims 149 and 150 can be found in the present specification and original claims. No new matter has been added. No claims have been amended to overcome prior art.

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In view of all of the rejections of record having been addressed, Applicant believes the application to be in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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